AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs [0002]-[0003] on page 1 as follows:

[0002] In the field of diaper products such as disposal diapers (i.e. disposable diapers), conventionally, various kinds of products have been used, depending on sex or health and body conditions of wearers, purpose of use or the like. Therefore, in facilities where a large number of diaper products are used, such as hospitals or nursing homes for the aged, much ~~labors and efforts are~~labor and effort is required in operations for stock control of the diaper products or the like.

[0003] ~~Then,~~ Japanese Patent Application Laid Open Gazette Nos. 2002-150057 and 2003-58759 propose a technique for stock control and sales management in which a bar code is attached to a disposal diaper and the information (serial number and the like) on the disposal diaper is read out from the bar code.

Please amend the sub-heading on page 9, line 1 as follows:

~~Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention~~Detailed Description of the Invention

Please amend paragraph [0055] on page 18 as follows:

[0055] When more steps in the manufacturing process are executed to finally complete the tagged diaper 2, ~~in the manufacturing station 701 executed is~~ a packaging step of manufacturing the tagged package 3 in which a plurality of tagged diapers 2 are put in the diaper package ~~31.~~31 is executed in the manufacturing station.

Please amend paragraph [0065] on page 20 as follows:

[0065] In the inspection station 702, a packing step is executed in which twelve tagged packages 3 are packed in the packing box 41 to manufacture the tagged packing ~~box 4 is executed~~box 4. The operation in the packing step is the same as that of the above packaging step

except that a plurality of tagged packages 3 are packed in the packing ~~box 41, and~~ box 41; as such, discussion on a specific operation will be omitted.

Please amend paragraph [0071] on page 22 as follows:

[0071] In the storage shelf 42, a plurality of containing chambers 421 each of which is capable of ~~contain~~ containing the tagged packing box 4 are arranged in one row in depth direction and multiple rows in width and height directions. The containing chamber 421 is open in the depth direction of the storage shelf 42.

Please amend paragraphs [0124]-[0125] on page 37 as follows:

[0124] Further, the tagged diaper 2 on delivery is usually packaged in the diaper package 31 and the like ~~and so~~such that the IC tag 5b ~~can not~~cannot be visually recognized but the consumer-side reader 811 can read information from a plurality of IC tags 5b of a plurality of tagged diapers 2 in a noncontact manner at almost the same time. It is therefore possible to perform a proper and easy operation of updating the stock database 92 on delivery of the diaper product.

[0125] Next, the wearer database storage part 840 and the wearing management system 850 in the usage information management system 810 will be discussed. The wearer database storage part 840 stores a wearer database 93 shown in Fig. 24. The wearer database 93 is a database with a wearer identification number for discriminating one wearer of a diaper product from other wearers as key information. In the consumer-side facilities provided with the usage information management system 810, a wristband type IC tag in which the wearer identification number is stored in its IC chip in advance is distributed to each wearer and the wearer identification number can be read out by the consumer-side reader 811 that the caregiver carries with him. A reader for reading the wearer identification number from the wristband type IC tag

of the wearer may be a device different from the consumer-side reader 811 which reads the information from the IC tag 5 of the diaper product. Another type of IC tag other than the wristband type may be given to each wearer, a bed of the wearer or the like, and alternatively a list which collectively presents ~~presenting collectively~~ wearer identification numbers of a plurality of wearers in such a format as can be read by a reading device, such as a bar code, may be distributed to each caregiver.